

LT: I can analyze information presented in a reading to decipher the main ideas and key information.

Silk Road Products

Stamped:

1. Silk Road Webquest
2. Unit 3 Vocab

Turn in to Basket:

1. Innovations of Silk Road

Agenda:

1. Products of the Silk Road Article
2. Mapping the products!
3. Innovations of the Silk Road notes

Article

- Today we are going to read an article about the Silk Road and products that were traded along it.
- Each folder contains all 5 sections of the article.
- Complete bullet point notes for each section.
- Share with your table group.
- You have 25 minutes for this activity.
- We will share as a class afterwards, be prepared!

Article Review

- Why are there so many branches of the Silk Road?
- Why did Arab middlemen invent elaborate stories about where their spices came from?
- Why were spices so valuable?

Mapping Products

- Take out your Silk Road Maps
- Today we are going to add product symbols to the map!
- Need to add at least 1 products from each region listed:
 - Mediterranean, Persia, Northern & Eastern Africa, India, Egypt, Central Asia, and China
- For each product make a symbol to represent that product on the map. Add the symbol from the region of origin.
- Create a key on the bottom of the map to show what symbols represent each product.

Besides products...

Many “things” spread.

- Culture
- New innovations and technology
- Diseases

What Else Was Spread?

Religions:

- Buddhism - arose in India and spread in both directions
- Islam - founded in the 7th century, it spread in all directions
- Christianity - arose in the Eastern Mediterranean and spread throughout the Roman world. It reached China by 635

What Else Was Spread?

Technology:

- Gun Powder – From China, spread West
- Harnesses, saddles and stirrups – from the steppe nomads
- Knowledge of medicinal plants and poisons – from Middle East
- Science and mathematics – algebra, astronomy, and the Arab numerals; the zero came from India
- The use of passports – a Mongol innovation
- Architectural styles and devices – the Persian invention of the squinch allowed the addition of a dome

So why does the Silk Road even matter to us?

- Global, interconnected world because of these early connections of the ancient world through trade!
- Trading and innovations of the Silk Road kick-started the biggest events in history
 1. Bubonic Plague
 2. Age of Exploration
 3. Industrial Revolution